IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE A.GOPAL REDDY

WRIT PETITION Nos: 7717 of 2002 and 10341 of 2004

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WRIT PETITION NO : 7717 of 2002

Between:

1. Poosa Laxmaiah, S/o. Narsaiah, Freedom Fighter,
   R/o. Mahabad, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

2. Shatakoti Komaraiah, S/o. Pedda Mallaiah,
   R/o. Narsimhasagar, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

3. Kandram Narsimha Rao, S/o. Veeraiah, R/o. Narsimhasagar,
   Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

4. Vankayala Chandraiah, S/o. Batkaiah, R/o. Kamalapuram,
   Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

5. Gaajarla Pedababu, S/o. Ramaiah, R/o. Kamalapuram,
   Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

6. Vankayala Sammaiah, S/o. Mondaiah, R/o. Kamalapuram,
   Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

7. Yasam Chandraiah, S/o. Narsaiah, R/o. Kamalapuram,

Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

8. Yasam Chinababu, S/o. Lakshmaiah, R/o. Kamalapuram,

Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

9. Manthena Musalaiah, S/o. Muthaiah, R/o. Kamalapuram,

Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

10. Saadhu Srinivas, S/o. Chilukaiah, R/o. Mangapeta,

Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

11. Saadhu Sampath, S/o. Chilukaiah, R/o. Mangapeta,

Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

12. Kandukuri Ramanujamma, D/o. Lakshmaiah, R/o.

Mogullapally, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

13. Mothkuri Rangamma, D/o. Venkataiah, R/o. Mogullapally, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

14. Garimilla Satyavathi, D/o. Sanbhasiva Rao, R/o. Narsimhasagar, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

15. Challapally Jayalaxmi, D/o. Satyanarayana Rao,

R/o. Narsimhasagar, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

16. Aadikki Saibaba, S/o. Subba Rao, R/o. Kamalapuram,

R/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

17. Saarlu Venkataswamy, S/o. Kattaiah, R/o. Kamalapuram,

Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

18. Bandhugula Sattaiah, S/o. Devaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

19. Konga Ramaiah, S/o. Ramachandraiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

20. Pasham Lingaiah, S/o. Komuraiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

21. Bandugula Shantamma, D/o. Kondaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

22. Mengu Lachamma, D/o. Ramaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

23. Kaarupothula Ammakka, D/o. Karre Venkaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

24. Kaarupothula Gopaiah, S/o. Ramaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

25. Bandhugula Komaraiah, S/o. Kondaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

26. Aakula Mallamma, D/o. Narsaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

27. Reddirajula Lachamma, D/o. Narsaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

28. Chilukuri Sattamma, D/o. Venkaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

29. Lodangi Gangamallaiah, S/o. Yellaiah, Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

30. Godishala Sattaiah, S/o. Rajaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

31. Bouthi Somaiah, S/o. Narsaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

32. Koparthi Shankaraiah, S/o. Rajaveraiah, S/o.Parakala, H/o. Narsimhasagar, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

33. Dhontha Anthamma, W/o. Veeraiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

34. Shaik Ibrahim, S/o. Shaik Peera, R/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

35. M. Amruthamma, W/o. Mukundaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

36. N. Bhaghyamma, D/o. Narayana, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

37. Goli Narsaiah, S/o. Ramaiah, R/o. Devaruppula, H/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

38. Mandala Thirupathi, S/o. Venkataiah, R/o. Mangapeta, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

39. Velpula Suresh, S/o. Komuraiah, R/o. Mangapeta, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

40. Sreepathi Annapurna, D/o. Venkateswarlu, R/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

41. Palkati Sammakka, W/o. Laxmaiah, R/o. Kamalapuram, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

42. Sirikonda Sammaiah, S/o. Kanakaiah, R/o. Parakala, H/o. Narsimhasagar, Mangapeta Mandal, Warangal District.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

1. The Collector, Warangal District, Warangal.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer (North), Warangal District, Warangal.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly one in the nature of writ of Certiorari, calling for records relating to the notice in proceedings No.E1/12044/2001, dated 29.12.2001 of the 1st respondent and quash the same as arbitrary, illegal, unjust, without jurisdiction, mala fide, politically motivated, violative of the Fundamental and Constitutional Rights guaranteed to petitioners herein under Articles 14,21 and 300-A of the Constitution of India, violative of the principles of natural justice and violative of the provisions of Section 166-B of the Andhra Pradesh (Telangana Area) Land Revenue Act, 1317 Fasli and consequently direct the respondents not to interfere with their possession in respect of land assigned to them.

Counsel for the Petitioners: MR.S.SRINIVAS REDDY

Counsel for Respondent No.1: G.P.for Revenue

Counsel for Respondent No.2: G.P.for Forest

2. WRIT PETITION NO : 10341 of 2004

1 Karri Sreenuvas Rao, S/o Koteshwar Rao, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

2 Vankayala Muthaiah, S/o Bakkaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

3 Vankayala Sammaiah, S/o Mondaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

4 Yasam Pedanarsaiah, S/o Sammaiah, Occ: Labour,

R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

5 Vankayala Balaraju, S/o Gouraiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

6 Vankayala Thirupathi, S/o Sambashivarao, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

7 Yasam Peda Lalaiah, S/o Sammaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

8 Manthena Musalaiah, s/o Mattaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
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9 Gajarla Peda Babu, S/o Ramaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

10 Palamaku Saiyulu, s/o Narsaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

11 Poosa Babu, S/o Muthaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

12 Yasam Chandraiah, S/o Narsaiah, Occ: Labour,
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13 Kadari Sambaiah, S/o Mallaiah, Occ: Labour,
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14 Yasam Peda Babu, S/o Lalaiah, Occ: Labour,
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15 Yasam Chinababu, S/o Laxmaiah, Occ: Labour,
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17 Mallepaka Venkataiah, S/o Veeraiah, Occ: Labour,
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18 Yasam Narsaiah, S/o Yeddaiah, Occ: Labour,
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Warangal District.

19 S.K. Gousu, S/o Chandbai, Occ: Labour,
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20 Vankayala Kistaiah, S/o Bathkaiah, Occ: Labour,
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21 Vankayala Chandraiah, S/o Bathkaiah, Occ: Labour,
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22 Gajarla Thirupathi, s/o Laxmaiah, Occ: Labour,
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Warangal District.

23 Yetti Bapuna, S/o Vital, Occ: Labour,
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Warangal District.

24 Gajarla Chandraya, S/o Ramaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

25 Botla Prameela, W/o Prasad, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

26 Koram Kannaiah, S/o Bodamma, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

27 Pidugu Ramakrishna, s/o Venkateswarlu, Occ: Labour,

R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

28 Batti Sreenu, S/o. Rajaiah, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

29 Narra Madhavarao, S/o Venkatanarsamma, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

30 Pandula Sathyam, S/o Parvathi, Occ: Labour,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

31 Pandula Rambabu, S/o Parvathi,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

32 Narra Laxmaiah, S/o Achaiah,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

33 Narra Yellaiah, s/o Venkateshwarlu
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
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34 Dulipala Venkataramana, S/o Vishveshwara Rao,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

35 Rachakonda Laxminarayana, s/o Ramulu,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

36 Mandela Narsimharao, s/o Laxminarayana,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

37 Bandari Swamy, s/o Narsaiah,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

38 Pandhula Mallesh, S/o Parvathi,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

39 Nakirakunta Sateesh, S/o Narsimharao,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

40 Gaddam Venu, S/o Lalaiah,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

41 Thiruvaipeta Narsimharao, S/o Bhadraiah,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.

42 Dulipala Subbarao, S/o Vishveshwarao,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,

Warangal District.
43 Nawluluri Thirumala, w/o Chandrasekhararao,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.
44 M.D. Muneerkhan, S/o Yakoob Khan,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.
45 Dudepaka Suguna, D/o Saraiah,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.
46 Shirishetti Poshalu, S/o Venkaiah,
R/o Kamalapur Village, Mangapet Mandal,
Warangal District.
47 Thallapalli Poshaiah, S/o Laxmanna,
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.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court may be pleased to issue an Order, Direction or Writ more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondent No.1 to withdraw his order dated 5-12-2001 passed under proceedings No. E1/12044/2001 in cancelling the assignments of subject lands to the Petitioners, made by the Respondent No.2 under his proceedings No. B/2789/2001 dated 25-10-2001 and also declare the said act under impugned Notice dated 5-12-2001 of Respondent No.1 in canceling the assignments of subject lands to the petitioners and depriving the Petitioners lively

hood as unconstitutional and violative of Article 21 of the Constitution of India and against the principles of Natural Justice as prayed for in the petition

Counsel for the Petitioner:MR.D.V.SUDHEER KUMAR

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 4: GP FOR REVENUE

Counsel for Respondent No.5: G.P.for Forest

The Court made the following :

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THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A.GOPAL REDDY

WRIT PETITION Nos.7717 of 2002 and 10341 of 2004

C O M M O N O R D E R:

The issue involved in both these writ petitions is one and the same, hence, they are being disposed of by this common order.

Petitioners in both these writ petitions were assigned different extents of the Government poramboke land situated in different villages of Mangapet Mandal, Warangal District, by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Mangapet. While so, on allegation that the Mandal Revenue Officer issued assignment pattas for the Government land to an extent of Acs.4900.28 gts, which also includes the forest land, within a period of six months, without obtaining prior permission from the District Collector, which is against the Rules issued in G.O.Ms.No.1406, Revenue, dated 25-07-1958, and on an alleged complaint being made by the Divisional Forest Officer that some of the lands which were assigned were included in the reserve forest, the District Collector, Warangal District, kept the assignment orders in

abeyance and issued a notification in Telugu news papers on 05-12-2001 proposing to cancel the assignments irregularly made by the Mandal Revenue Officer and called for the objections from the assignees, if any. The case of the petitioners, some of them who claimed assignment as freedom fighters and ex-servicemen, is that on such notification, though they have submitted their objections stating that the lands which were assigned to them are not forest lands and pattas were granted to them by conducting proper enquiry and survey, and only after the proposals were approved by the Land Assignment Review Committee and that they were in possession of the lands for the last several years, the District Collector, without considering the said objections and without even conducting an enquiry and hearing the petitioners, ordered for cancellation of the pattas granted in their favour by the impugned proceedings dated 29-12-2001, and the same was also published in the news papers.

Aggrieved by the same, the present writ petitions are filed contending that the lands, which were assigned to them are not forest lands and the pattas were granted in their favour only after proper enquiry and survey. The pattas cannot be cancelled without conducting an enquiry and hearing them and the entire action was initiated at the influence of the local politicians; hence, cancellation of the assignment is arbitrary and illegal.

Opposing the writ petitions, the District Collector, as well as the Divisional Forest Officer, filed counter-affidavits stating that the irregular assignment was brought to the notice of the District Collector on 05-11-2001 and the assignment includes the land in Sy.No.100, situated at Narsimhasagar village, which is a reserve forest-land. The assignment of the lands is contrary to the Rules issued in G.O.Ms.No.1406, Revenue, dated 25-07-1958, which envisages consultation of the District Collector and the District Forest Officer, before the assignment of lands adjoining the reserved forest or unreserved forest blocks, but the same was not done. As per the Gazette notification No.206, dated 13-08-1953, the land in an extent of Acs.75,587 of various villages of Mangapet Mandal, Warangal District were notified as protected forest land. As per the Rules in G.O.Ms.No.1406, Revenue, dated 25-07-1958, the lands should be assigned only to landless poor persons who directly engage themselves in cultivation, but as seen from the records, the lands were assigned to the rich

people, who are not eligible to be assigned and who also have other means of livelihood like employment and business and in some cases, lands were assigned to the kith and kin of the Mandal Revenue Office staff. It is further stated that the objections made by the petitioners were duly considered, and there is nothing on record supporting the entries in the pahanies or enjoyment phodi, showing that the objection-petitioners are in occupation of the lands. The lands assigned to the petitioners are in the reserve forest and adjoining the reserved forest and forest blocks. The assignment of such land is prohibited under G.O.Ms.No.1406, Revenue, dated 25-07-1958. Therefore, the irregular assignments were cancelled and the lands are resumed back to the Government, and the Mandal Revenue Officer, who made such assignment, was also placed under suspension and departmental enquiry was also initiated against him. It is further stated that the revision petition filed by the writ petitioner No.15 in W.P. No.7717 of 2002 and four others before the Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department, Hyderabad, on 09-01-2002, was disposed of on 27-02-2002 advising the petitioners to file an appeal before the appropriate authority. In view of the alternative remedy available to the petitioners, the present writ petitions cannot be maintainable.

Learned counsel for the petitioners in one voice argued that the lands, which were assigned in favour of the petitioners were shown as Government lands and they are not forming part of the forest-land. The assignment proposals were placed before the Assignment Review Committee, which approved the proposals in respect of the Government Poramboke land. In view of the same, it cannot be said that the assignment is irregular. Once the petitioners filed their objections to the notification published in the news paper, no further opportunity was given to the petitioners to establish that they are landless poor persons and are eligible for assignment of the lands and the cancellation order passed without providing further opportunity is in violation of principles of natural justice and is liable to be set aside.

The learned Government Pleader for Revenue as well as the learned Government Pleader for Forest contended that the assignment of Ac.4900.28 gts was made by the Mandal Revenue Officer within a short span of six months without consulting the District Collector and the Divisional Forest Officer before identifying the lands for such assignment and the act done by the Mandal Revenue Officer is a grave

illegality. It is further contended that once the action proposed is made known to the assignees as well as to the public, no further hearing is required and the objections made by the petitioners were duly considered and as the assignment was made irregularly, the cancellation orders were passed.

It is not disputed that the Forest Department in exercise of powers conferred under Section 29 of the Hyderabad Forest Act,1355 F, in the Gazette Notification No.206, dated 13-08-1953, notified Mangapet Forest Block situated in Mangapet Range as protected forest, which includes the villages Mangapee Kamalapur, Komalpalli, Narsapur, Chirpalli, Timmampet, Mallur, Chinchmapalli, Wadegud, Rajpet, Dugrepalli, Bandarguda Chegersala, Janampet, Domeda, Cherramalla, Kadakguda and Narsimhasagar. On such notification being issued, no right can be acquired in or over the land comprised in such notification except by succession, or under a grant or contract in writing, made or entered into by or on behalf of the Government or of some person in which such right was vested when the notification was issued; and no fresh clearings for cultivation or for any other purpose shall be made in such land except in accordance with such rules as may be made by the Government in this behalf, as contemplated under Section 5 of the Hyderabad Forest Act, 1355 F. The said Act has been repealed by the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967. Section 15 of this Act is similar to Section 5 of the repealed Hyderabad Forest Act. It is also relevant to note that Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, which came into force from 25-10-1980, places restriction on the de-reservation of forests or use of forest-land for non-forest purposes. On enforcement of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, no State Government or other authority can assign any forest-land or any portion thereof by way of lease or otherwise to any private person or to any authority, Corporation etc., for non-forest purposes without prior approval of the Central Government.

This Court in ***State of A.P. v.District Judge, Machilipatnam*** categorically held that the moment the notification is issued under Section 4 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, any other forum is forbidden from embarking upon any enquiry and confer any right or patta whether existing or new one in respect of such land, which is covered by the notification. Similarly, the Apex Court in ***State of U.P v.Deputy Director of Consolidation*** categorically held that once a notification declaring the

land as reserved forest is published, then all the rights in the said land claimed by any person come to an end and are no longer available. The same is binding on the Consolidation Authorities in the same way as a decree of a civil Court.

As per the Rules issued in G.O.Ms.No.1406, Revenue, dated 25-07-1958, certain lands are prohibited from assignment including the lands which are treated as reserve forest, lands adjoining the reserved forest or an unserved block of a square mile or more until the Collector has consulted the District Forest Officer and considered the objections, he may have to its assignment.

On a perusal of the assignment orders, it is clear that no such consultation has been made by the Mandal Revenue Officer or by the District Collector with the District Forest Officer. To the extent of Ex-servicemen and freedom fighters are concerned, the proceedings indicate that the applications were forwarded by the District Collector to the Mandal Revenue Officer, but there was no proposal submitted by the Mandal Revenue Officer for assignment of the lands in their favour. The very fact that larger extent of Acs.4900.28 gts of land was assigned by the Mandal Revenue Officer, within a short span of six months, itself speaks volumes and indicates the large scale irregularity committed by the Mandal Revenue Officer in assigning the lands. Where no innocent third party interests have crept in and where the nature of fraud or misrepresentation is so glaring and patent crying out for judicial correction and where the assignees themselves are parties to the fraud played on the State, it becomes the duty of the authority to take action immediately the fraud is detected and discovered as held by this Court in W.P.No.11955 of 1984, dated 07-08-1984, and the theory of arbitrary cancellation and improper exercise of jurisdiction are all inapplicable to a case of this nature.

On coming to know the irregular assignment on the complaint of the Divisional Forest Officer, the District Collector, immediately kept the assignment orders in abeyance on 03-12-2001, within one month of the said assignments, and called for the objections and only after considering the said objections, the irregular

assignment was cancelled by him.

In view of the same, the submissions made by the learned Counsel for the petitioners that the cancellation of assignment is in violation of principles of natural justice cannot be countenanced.

For the foregoing reasons, I do not see any infirmity in cancelling the pattas granted in favour of the petitioners and the order does not suffer from any illegality warranting interference by this Court. The writ petitions fail and are accordingly dismissed. No order as to costs.

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(A.GOPAL REDDY,J)

Dated 11-10-2004

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To

1 The Collector, Warangal District, Warangal.

2 The Mandal Revenue Officer, Mangapet Mandal, Warangal

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3 The Assistant Revenue Inspector, Mangapet Mandal, Warangal

District.
4 The Sub Collector/Deputy Collector, Mangapet Mandal,

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5 The District Forest Officer (North) Warangal District, Warangal.

6 Two C.Cs to the G.P.for Revenue, High Court of A.P.,

Hyderabad (OUT)

7 Two C.Cs to the G.P.for Forest, High Court of A.P.,

Hyderabad (OUT)

8 Two C.D copies